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I, VX 39006, Major John Kevin Lloyd of Army Headquarters make oath and say:

- 1. I am an officer of the Australian Military Forces.
- Annexed hereto and marked "K" is a true copy of an affidavit sworn by NX68582 WO2 Ashley Harry Hope CULLEN on 18th Jan. 1946 which I have in my custody in the course of my duties.
- 3. The original affidavit cannot be made available immediately as it is required for trials of minor war criminals.

Sworn before me at MELBOURNE)
this 27 day of May, 1946.)
/s/ J. Lloyd
Major

/s/ D. Peach NX76207 Capt
An officer of the
Australian Military Forces.

AUSTRALIAN WAR CRIMES COMMISSION

Evidence taken before Mr. Justice Philp at Sydney this eighteenth day of January 1946.

NX.68582 W.O.11 Ashley Harry Hope CULLEN, being duly sworn gives the following evidence :-

My full name and unit is NY68582 WOll Ashley Harry Hope CULLEN, of 2.3 Reserve M.T. Company, 8 Division. My home address is: 68 Queen Street, Ashfield, N.S.W.

I was captured in Java and was confined in Bicycle Camp from 1.4.42 to 8.10.42 and working camps on the Burma side of the Burma-Thai Railway from November 1942, to December 1943. From January to March 1944 I was at Tamarkan and at Saigon from April to June 1944. From September 1944 to the capitulation I was back in Changi Camp.

During the period August to October 1943 I was in charge of a detached party of 20 POW (10 Australian, 10 Dutch) engaged in relaying cattle from Retpu (30 Kilo Camp, Burma-Thai Railway) to 45 Kilo Camp and we were housed with 4 Korean guards, all of whom were privates. on or about 26 September 1943, the Senior Guard named Pte YESTER informed me that I was to ensure that all purchases of cheroots by POW were to be made through him at a cost of I rupee 20 cents per bundle. As these cheroots were obtainable from the nearby POW Camp canteen for 50 cents per bundle, I refused to comply with his demand stating my reasons. After making threats of punishment if I persisted in non-compliance with his order, he sent me back to bed and two hours later (0100 hrs) he took me some distance from our quarters and without warning knocked me to the ground and jumped on me, after which he proceeded to kick me about the ribs and head and finally to throttle me. Two other guards arrived in time to prevent what would have been my death, whereupon he administered several more kicks and told me he would "finish me". He then ran to the camp for his rifle and after a hurried discussion one of the other guards took me into the jungle where he informed me that Pte YESTER fully intended to shoot me and that he and the other guards could not prevent it happening other than by hiding me. This guard Pte NUMARA, hid me in a disused hut, and some hours later I was returned to camp. Pte NUMARA mustered the other PW and informed them that YESTER had fully intended to kill me, warned them to a void him whenever possible. Pte YESTÉR refused to allow me to go to the nearby POW Hospital Camp for treatment until several days had elapsed, and threat-ened me with severe punishment if I reported the matter. I later reported the matter to Lieut-Col C.M. BLACK, 213 Res N.T. Coy, and I was admitted to hospital in spite of opposition from YESTER, who withheld my bedding etc. After approx three weeks in hospital undergoing treatment for contusions and "black outs", YESTER successfully demanded my return to camp and three days later he thrashed an Australian private named CASEY for not buying cane sugar from a source which yielded YESTER material gain. On my intervention to stop this thrashing, YESTER loaded his rifle and was about to shoot Pte CASEY when he was disarmed by other guards who fortunately arrived on the scene.

Corroborative evidence may be obtained from Sgt E. Allen, 2/6 Fld Coy PAE, Dvr . Buller, 2/3 Res M.T. COY ATF, Pte C. Patching, ATF, and Spr E. Caldwell, 2/6 Fld Coy F.A.E. AIF.

As a result of the beatings about the head I suffered from lapses of memory and hallucinations for a period of eighteen months and received treatments for same at Changi Hospital from September 1944 to January 1945.

whilst in charge of a detached cattle party (as above) I was forced early in September 1943 to place a member of the party to guard a Rurmese civilian who had been brought to the camp by a Korean quard, whose name I do not know, who was in charge of 18 Kilo Camp, Burma-Thai Railway cattle party. AIF members of this party informed me that the Burmese had been forced to accompany them from a spot between FETPU and 18 Kilo Camp, where they had met him walking along the road. The Burmese was tied to a wooden seat by our quarters, and I was informed that if he escaped, myself and the other POW responsible would be tied in his place. The Guards then proceeded to get drunk and at frequent intervals during the afternoon they in turn unmercifully thrashed the Burmese about the body with a six foot bamboo pole. After several hours of this intermittent treatment they forced a Burmese civilian who was passing by, to thrash his countryman, and they insisted that he thrash him about the head and chest in order to inflict wounds by means of the bamboo pole which nad now become split for about two feet of its length. When the Burmese wielding the pole tended to ease off in the beating, the guard struck him several times to enforce more drastic wielding of the bamboo. When the Burmese was thrashed to a point of insensibility and was raw and bleading severely from head wounds the guards decided to shoot him end ordered me to provide two POW's to assist the Burmese to a spot some 400 yards from the scene of the thrashing and to bury the body after the shooting. Two guards name? Pte KING and another private named YESTER each fired a bullet into the Burmese after which they ordered the two POW, Pte YULSING and Pte WERBAAS of the Royal Netherlands Forces to bury the body. Ptes VERBAAS and YULSING witnessed the shooting and reported the details to me on their return to camp.

The Purmese had in his possession a fair sum of money which to the best of my belief was later taken by the Korean guards.

Corrobo ative evidence may be obtained from Sgt C. Walsh and Sgt. E. Allen of 2/6 Id Coy, FAE AIF, Dvr W. BULLER, 2/3 Res H.T. Coy AIF Spr E. Cadwell, 2/6 Fd Coy RAE AIF, and Ptcs YULSING and VERBAAS, of R.N.F., Java.

The Korean guards mentioned were under the command of a Japanese officer, Lieut NEITO, of Retpu POW Hospital Camp.

I certify that the foregoing evidence is true and correct.

/s/ A. E. Cullen WOII

Taken and sworn before me at Sydney this eighteenth day of January 1946

> E. Philp Commissioner

Exhibit "K"

This is the document marked Exhibit "K" referred to in the affidavit of VX39006 Naj J.K. Lloyd sworn before me this 27th day of May 1946 as being produced and shown to him at the time of his swearing his said affidavit.

An officer of the Australian Military Forces

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とし、ハーリー、ホーブ、カレン」デスニン三 所屬NR 六八五八二、二位信士官「アッシェ私」姓名ト欧螺(第八師回隸僧自助立職岩中以

フキルド」市「クキン省」大八谷デス・私、居住地へ「ニュー、サウス、ウェールズ」別「アッシュ

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エスター」ガ松三全部、補信ガ買フ目切線谷煙草 (後,手ヲ溫子一東一留比二十仙子買ノ源ニ取個 メヨト云ヒマシタ。ソノ同切薬急恒章へ近所ノ韓 忠政容所實店デ一東五十仙子買へルノデシタカラ 私へ其理由ヲ述ベテ彼ノ受求ヲ拒
心シャシタ。彼 ハ苦シモな力彼ノ要求二後ハナカツカラ網スルト 使カシタ後取ヲ糜靈ニ臨ラセ二時間ノ後即子午前 一時三截ヲ吾々ノ宿舎カラ大分職レカ所へ通行シ テ不憲三なり叩き留シテなり暗ミツケソレカラ助 ト頭トラばり終この四ラ欲メッケマシタ。他・二 人、循兵ガ丁度沿が強サレカ、ツテ后ル虚へ充テ 助ケテ見レマシタガソレデモ彼ハ窓記ヲ以医臘ツ 子強シテントウント云にマシタソウシ子彼に続き 取りこ暮合へ行キマシタ其間こ念ヒデ相談シテー 人、循兵へ私ヲ酸、中へ通レテ行ッテ弘ニ兵卒「 エスター」へ関勝私り財殺スル猫リデ尼ルガ晋々 (言っぽ シテンマウョリハソレッ的グ 汚法ガナイ ノダト告ゲマシタ。コノ循兵へ「メマラ」 註節付力) ト云フ兵卒デアツタガ弘ヲ狙イタ小道 ・中へ隱シ紋時間湿ッテカラ暮合へ信うセマジタ 「スマラ」(他・雑むと祭メテ「エスター」(嘆 電私ヲ殺ソウト考ヘテ尼ルノデアル皆へ出茨ル眼 り彼り避ケル様ニシャサイト部告シマシグの「エ

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スター」具本へ数日曜ツマデ治源ラ受かル高メニ デシタ。ソシテ治シ及力比等ラ上中シタラ語イ網 ラ加ヘルソト盛カシマシタの弦へ其信コノ夢り説 偽自動草線岩中陸ニノニ・「ツー、エム、ブラツ ク」中佐ニ染告シャシタソシテ「エスペー」ノ反 当二モ不治人院ラ許かレマシタガ「エスター」へ 私、腰具其他 n 取上ゲッシク。 病院 デ約 三週 川 汀 漢傷卜內出血(治源了受ケタ後「エスター」(私 ヲ慕合へ呼ど返ス事ニ成功シマシタソレカラ三日 後二後ハ「ケーシー」ト云フ談問兵ガ「エスター」 ノ会ニナル相手カラ砂管張ラ買ハナカツタノデ叩 キマシタ。私ガコノ行調ヲ阻止シタノデ「エスタ -」、彼、銘の弦響シテ「ケーシー」兵卒ヲ射殺 セントシタ時都合ヨク菜物へ來カ、ツタ他ノ衛兵 題才彼人能又取り上子マシタ。以上又指力又此為 × / 题言(B、A、B、 函读中欧二/大,「B、ア 2 ン 」 豆首、緑似豆は緑白白の草はまりに / ニ / **運尊手「w、ブラー」、②詞軍兵卒「o、バッチ** ング」、添別望五、4、五、『鄙戦中改二/三・工兵 本本「田、コイドウエリ」カラ館ラクルデセウ 顕都ヲ叩カレタ結果弘ハ十八ヶ月間記憶常発症及 ど幻覚症ニ罹リ「テャンギ」病院デー九回四年九

月カラ一九回五年一月マデソノ治源ヲ受ケマシ々。 上記、牛雞沒分連隊又指圖ッ子图《河二次八一九 四三年九月初メニ名前へ知ラナイガ行祭印道ノ牛 **塩多欧、第十八年著含、長デアツヶ関部人、衛兵** ガ收容所ニー人ノ福旬市民ラ道レテ次テソレラ監 烈スル属メニ分遣隊、中カラ一員り出スックニ命 ゼラレマシタ。コノ酸ノ酸別帝國軍(A、H、H、) ノ人 建ニョルトコノ 額句人ハ「レップ」ト第十八 存職会、中間、アル地型デ道路ヲ歩イテ唇タノニ 合ツタノデ其湯カラ連行ッレタノダトノ都デアリ マシタ。コノ部向人へ張々ノ恭舎ノ傍ノ木ノ匹当 三韓ラレテ思マシタガ治シモ彼が逃亡シタラ弘ト 其監視三當ツタ補門トガ彼ノ代リニ録ラレルノダ ト間カサレマシタ。循兵違ハソレカラ酒ラ飲ンデ 節ツ部ツテ午後三八度々代リ代リソノ紹何人ノ体 ラ大吹、竹様子容数ナク印キマシ々。

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クレ記へよが国語と語ると致シク目はック次々ノ 子御兵へ彼り射波スルコトニキメテはニソノ福向 人子行法・現場よう約回口は誰しを防へ近レテ行 半財党後彼ヲ盟メル為メニ補助ノ中カラ二人ヲ出 スマウニ命ジマシタ。衛兵ノ中ノ金(四)及「エ スター」ト云フニ人、兵卒为各一也完其領何人ラ 数~類感・知問玉國草 / 「~ルシング」 ト「ブェ ルバース」ト云フニ人ノ兵二死体ヲ盟メルヤウニ 命ジャツ々。「ヤイシング」ト「ジェイバース」 八射後ノ現場ラ目躍り華舎三語ッテカラ詳細ラ弦 11 数 和 ツ ト ツ 々。 其、緬甸人、指當、金ヲ所持シテ尼ツタガ私へ彼 **・朝鮮人、循兵の後デソレラ珍ツタト信信シテ启** YK 以上ヲ確カメル怎メノ監言へ談別軍RAR近歐中 ン」は首、意識は影響自動を強急はニノニノ盟は

前述と朝徒人衛兵へ「レップ」補怠炊谷店によっとルデセクラレルデセク長卒「キルシング」及ど「ブェルバース」カラ停工兵々卒「田、コルドウェル」、及と爪追和司軍手「甲、ブラー」、従訓皇日本国協憲は二/三ノ連は以二/大ノ「ロ、ウェルシュ」軍曹及「田、アレ

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私へ前途・監言の真實テ正確デアル事う説明シマス

(第 名)二級権士官「A、Bカレン」

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部 毎 「田、レホコシル」

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、国前二於子宣審セラレタルモノデアル。 浸示シタモノデアルト本一九回六年五月二七日余 1號ニシテ彼ガ右隙巡警ニ對シ宣管シタル解彼ニ佐ノ隙巡警ニ賞及セラレタル姿開警録「五」記録本書演へ「TK三九〇〇六、T、K、ロイド」少

懲別鹽軍將汝「D、ピーチ」大尉 (智名)

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